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1. AT APRIL 16 CEREMONY AT PERUVIAN EMBASSY WHERE PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ LARA WAS PRESENTED WITH THE MILITARY ORDER OF AYACUCHO, FOREIGN MINISTRY SUBSECRETARY VALDEZ ASKED CHARGE WHAT HE THOUGHT CHANCES NOW WERE FOR REMOVING ECUADOR FROM OPEC EXCLUSION ON GSP. CHARGE REPEATED USUAL LINE THAT HE WAS HOPEFUL A SOLUTION COULD BE FOUND SOON, BUT HE ADDED THAT THE VERY REAL CHANCES FOR A FAVORABLE SOLUTION WERE HARDLY ENHANCED BY SUCH HARSH STATEMENTS AS WERE REPORTED COMING FROM THE ECUADOREAN AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO DURING THE OPENING SESSION OF THE OPANAL CONFERENCE. VALDEZ ASKED WHAT AMBASSADOR MARTINEZ COBO COULD HAVE SAID THAT WAS SO OFFENSIVE. CHARGE SAID THAT FROM THE FEW QUOTES HE HAD SEEN THERE APPEARED TO BE AN UNNECESSARILY SARCASTIC REFERENCE TO THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE AND ADDED THAT HE EXPECTED THE FULL TEXT TO BE COMING LATER BY MAIL. VALDEZ SEEMED TRULY DISTURBED AND ASKED IF HE COULD SEE THE TEXT ONCE WE HAD IT.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH MARTINEZ COBO PROBABLY HAD HIS
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GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT IF NOT INSTRUCTIONS TO SPEAK OUT

AGAINST THE U.S. FAILURE TO SUBSCRIBE TO PROTOCOL ONE
OF TLATELOLCO, WE WOULD GUESS THAT THE TONE OF HIS
REMARKS EXCEED ANY INSTRUCTIONS.
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